c. 1995

PHOTO ALBUM
OF
MY ROOTS

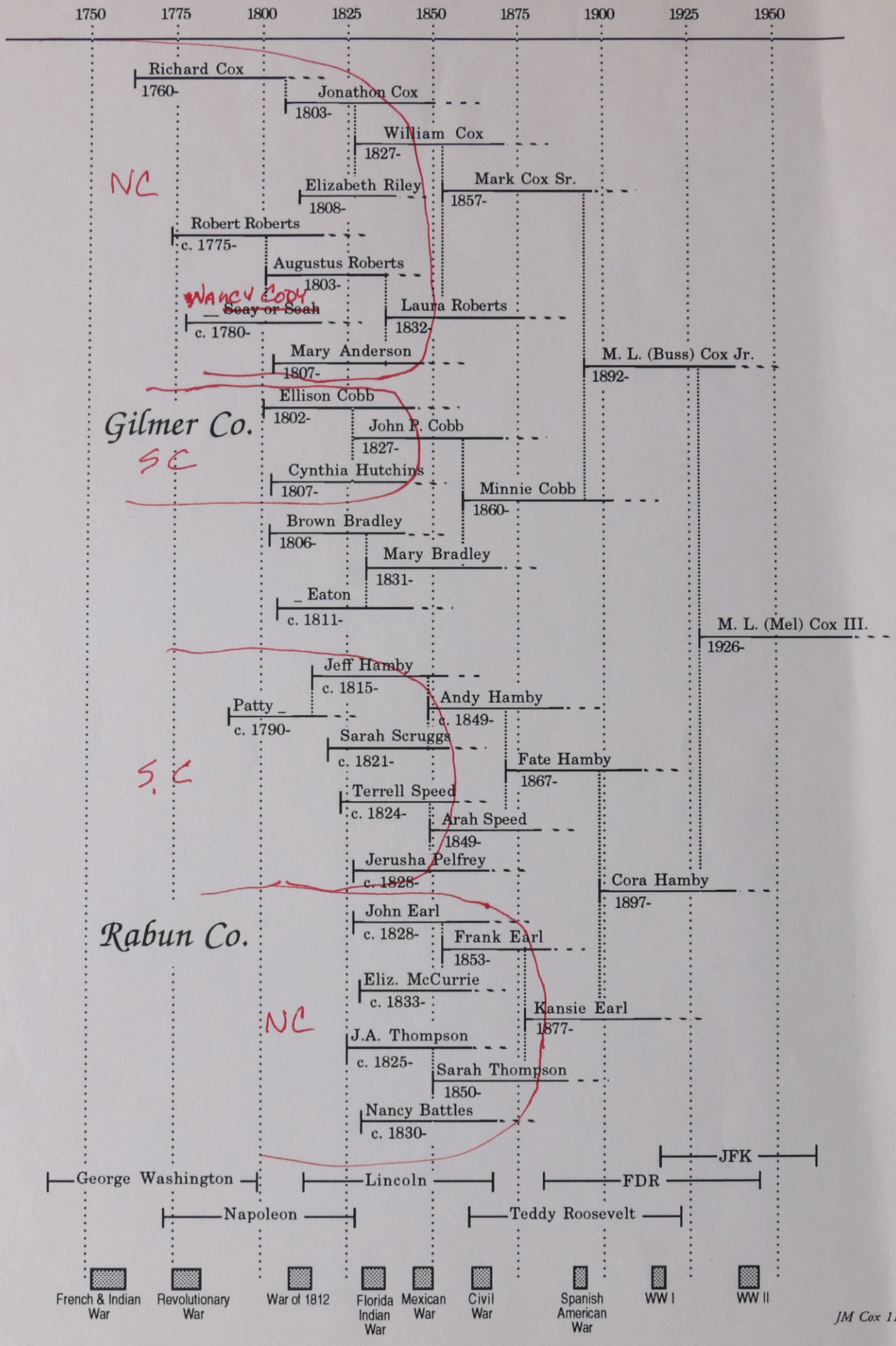
MEL COX, BUT ALSO THE ROOTS
OF MY SISTER & BROTHER, SUE C.
GIBLIN & JOHN HAMBY COX

AN ACCOMPANIMENT TO:
"MY ROOTS
THE HAMBYS OF RABUN COUNTY GEORGIA
AND
THE COXES OF GILMER COUNTY GEORGIA"
BY
MARCUS L. COX III (MEL)

AND
"MY FAMILY IN NORTH GEORGIA, THE MOVE
TO FLORIDA, AND REMINISCENCES"
BY
MARCUS L. (MEL) COX III

(4 May 1926 - 12 Jan 2002)

The Time Frame: Birth Dates, Contemporaries & Wars



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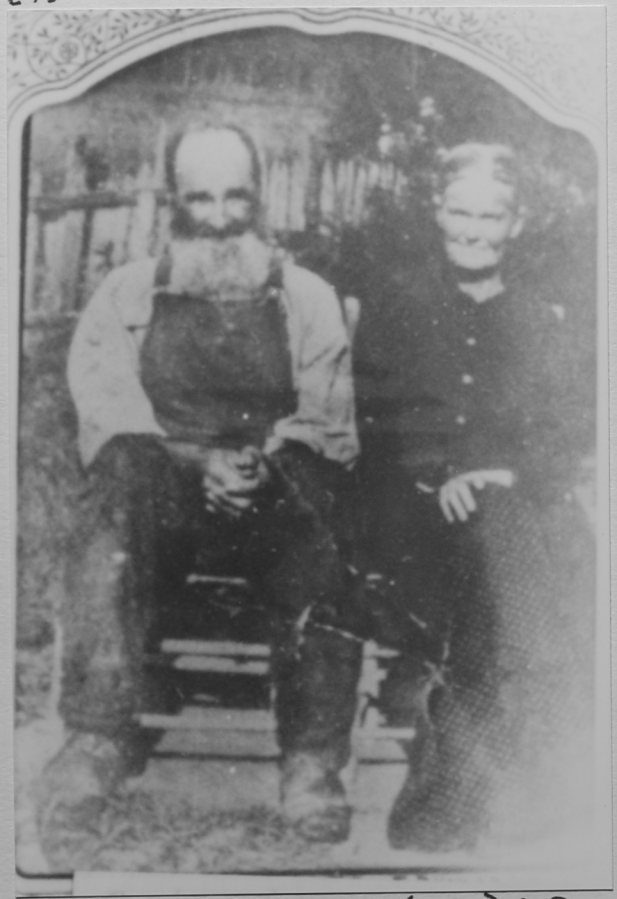

ANDREW JACKSON HAMBY (ANDY) AND ARAH SPEED HAMBY, MELS GREAT GRANDPARENTS, BOTH BORN IN 1849 ARAH IS (14) IN PHOTO TO RIGHT. BOTH PHOTOS APPEARED IN THE FOXFIRE MAGAZINE, FALL 1986. I BELIEVE THE BUILDING IS THE MOUNT ZION CHURCH ON HALE RIDGE ROAD.

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1. Etha Metcalf
2. Silas Ledford
3. Louie Teague
4. Roy Teague
5. Noah Ernest Hamby, Son of Logan
6. Preacher Metcalf
7. Mrs. Metcalf and her child
8. Andrew Logan Hamby
9. Sarah Angelina "Lina" Hamby Teague, Logan's sister
10. Unknown
11. Arah Hamby, daughter of Logan
12. Fay Teague Barron, daughter of "Lina" Teague
13. Effie Hamby, daughter of Logan
14. Arah Speed Hamby, Logan & Lina's mother
15. Liney Teague Hamby, Logan's wife
16. Lewis Hamby, son of Logan
17. Lizzie Scroggs
18. Edna Hamby Martin, Logan's daughter

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ANOTHER GREAT GRANDPARENT, JOSHUA FRANKLIN EARL. HIS FIRST WIFE, MY GREAT GRANDMOTHER, DIED IN 1889. HE AND HIS THIRD WIFE (PHOTO TO RIGHT), LELA OPERATED THE EARL HOUSE (RIGHT) NEAR CLAYTON. THESE PHOTOS FROM ABOUT 1925. HE WAS BORN IN 1853

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THESE ALSO FROM ABOUT 1925

↑ THE EARL HOUSE IN THE TREES, SCREAMER MTN BEHIND

GUESTS ON THE PORCH (WAITING FOR THE DINING ROOM TO OPEN ?) ↗

LAKE BEHIND THE DAM AT THE EARL HOUSE.

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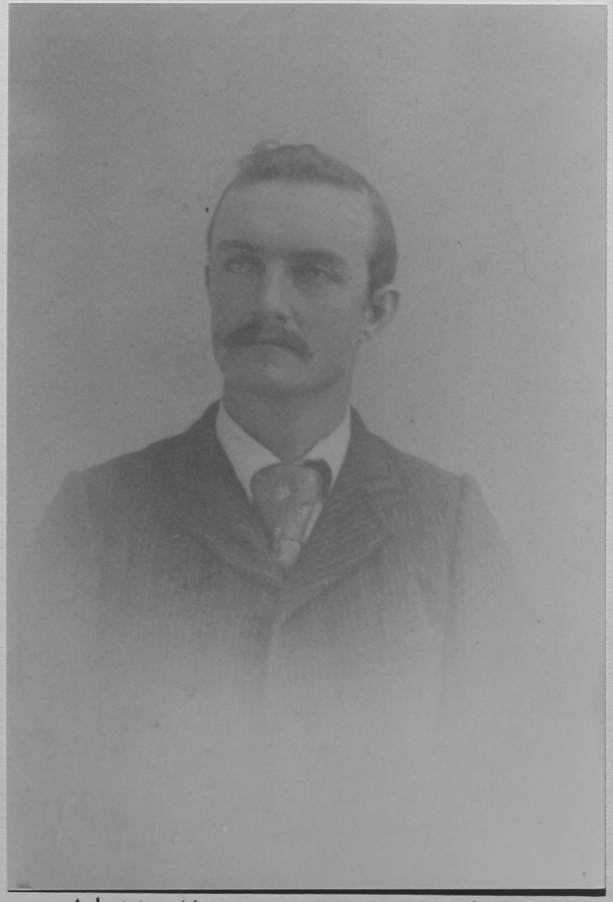

ANDY & ARAH'S SON, JOHN LAFAYETTE HAMBY MY GRANDFATHER. ABOUT 1898. ("FATE")

FATE'S COUSIN R.E.A. HAMBY (BOB) BUILT THIS HOTEL ABOUT 1920; IT BURNED IN 1933.

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THE HAMBY SCHOOL NEAR HALE RIDGE ROAD, 1914

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FATE HAMBY AND KANSIE EARL MARRIED IN 1895.

FRANK EARL HAMBY WAS BORN IN 1895 AND CORA LEE HAMBY IN 1897.

THIS PHOTO IS OF KANSIE AND CORA, NEAR CORA'S 1ST BIRTHDAY.

CORA WAS MELS MOTHER.

THE FAMILY MOVED, ABOUT 1900 TO PUEBLO COLORADO. THE PHOTOS BELOW ARE FROM PUEBLO. THEY MOVED TO ELLIJAY ABOUT 1910.

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MORE GREATGRANDPARENTS

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WILLIAM COX MARRIED IN 1856;
WILLIAM BORN 1827.
LAURA BORN 1832.

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LAURA DELANEY ROBERTS COX
WITH LAURA KATHERINE COX

LAURA KATHERINE COX
BECAME KATE COX TABOR
—"AUNT KATE", RIGHT
IN THIS PHOTO OF ABOUT
1925 WITH HER NIECE
ETHEL PERRY

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WILLIAM WAS KILLED
IN 1865 AND LAURA
WAS LEFT TO RAISE
THEIR FOUR CHILDREN
AGED FROM 2 to 8.

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WILLIAM & LAURA'S OTHER DAUGHTER, MARY ELIZABETH COX BECAME MRS JOHN PHILIP PERRY —— "AUNT PUEY", ALSO ABOUT 1925 (PHOTO THAT IS)

THEY ALSO HAD TWO SONS "MART" & "BART" BELOW

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MARCUS LAFAYETTE COX, SR., MY GRANDFATHER, BORN 1857

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WILLIAM AUGUSTUS COX, "BART" OR "BARLOW", BORN 1863; NEVER MARRIED.

THESE TWO PROBABLY THE SAME DAY, ATLANTA, ABOUT 1893

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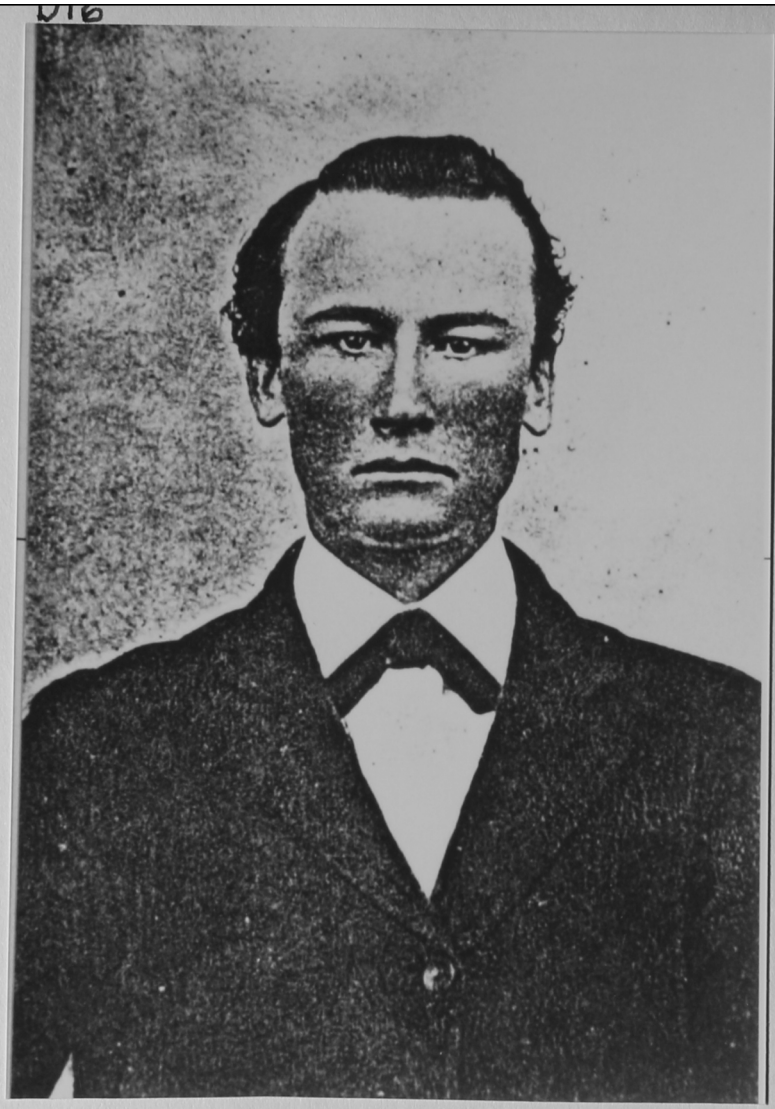

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M.L. COX (MART) MARRIED MARRIED MARY (OR MINNIE) FRANCES COBB IN 1878. THESE PHOTOS ARE FROM ABOUT THAT DATE.

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A LATER (ABOUT 1900) PHOTO OF MART

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THE TWO PHOTOS ABOVE (L. LILLIE KATE; R. LAURA PEARL). I FOUND IN THE FAMILY "SHOE BOX" OF OLD PHOTOS. I WAS AMAZED AT THE QUALITY OF THEM AND AT HOW WELL THEY HAD WEATHERED THE YEAR. THEY DATE FROM ABOUT 1898 WHEN LILLIE WAS 18 AND PEARL 16.

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THIS IS BERTA ABOUT 1894, AGED 6

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M.L. COX FAMILY ON THE FRONT PORCH OF THEIR DALTON STREET HOME, EARLY 1897.

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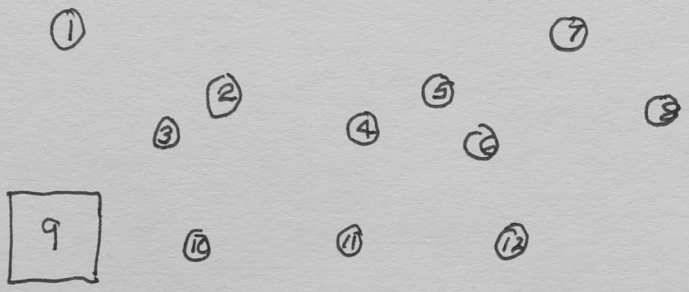

1. LAURA PEARL 9-17-1882 / 9-12-1969
2. MARCUS LAFAYETTE COX.. 6-3-1857 / 3-22-1915
3. MANLEY AUGUSTUS . . . . . 11-3-1894 / 8-6-1978
4. MARCUS LAFAYETTE, JR . . . . 2-3-1892 / 10-27-1947
5. MARY FRANCES COBB COX.. 2-1-1860 / 10-11-1944
6 CECIL . . . . . 10-8-1896 / 10-3-1899
7. LILLIE KATE . . . 6-17-1880 / 5-13-1954
8 MARY WILMOT . . . 9-18-1878 / 6-3-1964
9 WILLIAM . . . . 9-15-1884 / 9-9-1893
10 MINNIE BERTA . . . 12-16-1888 /
11 CHARLES COLUMBUS . . . 7-8-1890 / 7-27-1944
12 CLARENCE GOOLSBY . . 12-18-1886 / 12-2-1949

BORN AFTER PHOTO WAS MADE:
EDITH GLENN . . 1-14-1898 / 2-6-1989

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AND ABOUT A YEAR LATER (1898) M.L. jr (MY FATHER), HE PICKED UP THE NICKNAME, "BUSTER", WHICH GOT SHORTENED TO 'BUS'

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ABOUT 1900; WILLIE, LILLIE AND PEARL ENJOY A VISIT FROM COUSIN ELLEN GLENN OF TEXAS.

All

AND ABOUT 1910 J.L. HAMBY BRWGS HIS FAMILY FROM PUEBLO, COLO., BACK TO GEORGIA AND ELLIJAY, ABOUT 1910–1912.

THE COXES ALL LIVED ON DALTON STREET AND THE HAMBYS MOVED ONTO DALTON STREET. LETS TAKE A WALK OUT DALTON STREET FROM THE SQUARE. THE HAMBYS MIGHT HAVE SEEN:

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ON THE RIGHT WITHIN A BLOCK OF THE SQUARE, THIS BUILDING. MY GRANDFATHER, FATE HAMBY LATER (ABOUT 1930) HAD A HARDWARE STORE HERE (PHOTO ABOUT 1931)

F18

(THIS PHOTO FROM 1967 WHEN THE HOUSE WAS BEING TORN DOWN.

A COUPLE OF MORE BLOCKS, AND ON THE LEFT THIS HOUSE, BUILT BY WILLIAM COX IN THE 1850s AND WHERE HIS FOUR CHILDREN WERE BORN AND RAISED.

OCCUPIED IN 1910, 1912 BY BART COX, HIS SON, WHO NEVER MARRIED.

LATER BUS COX AND HIS FAMILY LIVED HERE. THIS IS WHERE MEL WAS BORN IN 1926.

FROM WILLIAM'S OLD HOUSE, NO MORE STREETS WENT OFF DALTON ST. TO THE LEFT; BACK OF THE LOTS JUST ENDED AT THE FOOT OF A WOODED HILL.

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SO ABOUT A BLOCK LATER ALSO ON THE LEFT, THE MART COX HOME.

BUILT BY MART IN 1882. ONLY HIS FIRST TWO WERE NOT BORN THERE, THE REST WERE.

[THESE PHOTOS ARE FROM ABOUT 1935 – 1940]

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FURTHER OUT DALTON ST, LOOKING BACK TO SEE THE DINNG ROOM, KITCHEN WING. I THINK THERE WAS ALSO AT LEAST ONE BEDROOM IN THIS WING. THERE WAS A LONG PORCH ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS WING, AND THERE WAS A GENEROUS BARN OUT BACK.

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ANOTHER 2 OR 300 FEET AND ON THE THE LEFT WAS THIS HOUSE BUILT IN 1897 BY MARTIN TEEM. IN 1912 IT WAS HOME TO THE "ELLIJAY TEACHER'S INSTITUTE", BUT WAS SOON TO BECOME HOME TO FATE HAMBY AND HIS FAMILY.

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A LITTLE WAY BEYOND THE HOUSE ABOVE, DALTON STREET TURNS LEFT AND FOLLOWS COX CREEK UP INTO THE MOUNTAINS. AT THE TURN IN DALTON STREET, BOARDTOWN ROAD SPURS OFF TO ~~THE~~ RIGHT. FROM ABOUT THIS INTERSECTION THIS WAS THE VIEW IN 1911. COX MILL BUILT BY MART COX IN 1886.

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COX MILL WATER WHEEL, CLOSER-UP, ABOUT 1935. WATER FROM COX CREEK WAS BROUGHT DOWN THE TRESTLE AND FLUME FOR DISTANCE OF ABOUT 1200 FEET. IN THE PHOTO, THE WATER IS DIVERTED OFF TO THE SIDE OF THE WHEEL, RATHER THAN ON TO IT FOR OPERATION OF THE MILL.

SOUTH EAST
TOWARD THE RIVER

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← RIVER ST. TO E. ELLIJAY

OLD ST. RD. 5 → TO ATLANTA

CEMETARY HILL →

← OLD S.R. 5 TO BLUE RIDGE

BUILDING THAT WAS HAMBY'S HARDWARE STORE IN THE '30s

← DALTON ST. TO COX'S, ETC. & TO DALTON

ELLIJAY AERIAL VIEW, 1950's

A21 M.h. Cox, JR, BUS AND CORA LEE HAMBY WERE MARRIED 1-29-1913

THEIR FIRST CHILD, WILLIAM AUGUSTUS, WAS BORN 1-16-1914 BUT HE DIED 10-14-1914

BUS'S FATHER, MART, DIED IN 1915.

LEFT BELOW, CORA'S BROTHER FRANK HAMBY, ABOUT 1913

AND BEOW, FRANK JOINED THE MARINES AND WENT TO FRANCE WITH THE AEF. HE WAS IN THE 95TH Co., 6TH MARINES ATTATCHED TO THE ARMY 2ND (INDIAN HEAD) DIVISION, WHOSE SHOULDER PATCH HE WEARS WHILE IN THE ARMY OF OCCUPATION ABOUT 1920.

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FRANK E HAMBY
USMC EUROPE
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BUS AND CORA SPENT A FEW YEAR IN ATLANTA, BUT RETURNED IN TIME FOR JOHN TO BE BORN IN ELLIJAY IN 1919.

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AND BY NOW, GRANDAD AND MAMAW HAMBY

BUS & YOUNG JOHN

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CORA, OF UNCERTAIN VINTAGE

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AND GRAND DAD HAMBY DROVE HIS HORSE AND WAGON TO THE RR DEPOT TO PICK UP SHIPMENTS FOR HIS HARDWARE STORE.

AND LIKELY FOR OTHERS. THIS MAY BE THE SAME WAGON HE HAD WHEN MEL VISITED HIM IN 1940.

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HERE IS ANDREW STEVENS AND J.L. HAMBY IN HIS STORE.

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THIS STORE WAS ON THE SQUARE, EAST SIDE. HE SOLD IT IN 1928.

GET A MAGNIFYING GLASS AND HAVE FUN IDENTIFYING STUFF.

SUE CAME ALONG IN 1921.

AND FRANK MARRIED MARY EDITH ELLINGTON OF ELLIJAY IN 1924

G10

SUES FIRST BIRTHDAY WHILE ON A VISIT TO KENTUCKY.

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A VISIT TO CLAYTON ABOUT 1925

NORA SARA AMANDA LEILA KANSIE
THE EARL SISTERS

ABOVE LEFT: FRANK & LELA EARL AT THE EARL HOUSE LAKE & DAM

LEFT:
'GRANDMOTHER' KANSIE HAMBY
'MOTHER' CORA COX
'GREAT GRANDFATHER' JOSHUA FRANKLIN EARL
"CHILDREN:"
JOHN COX
SUE COX

ABOVE: ON THE LEFT FRANK EARL & IN FRONT OF HIM: MAMAW, CORA JOHN & SUE

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ANOTHER OF THE FOUR GENERATIONS 24

ABOUT THIS SAME TIME IN CLAYTON.

LEFT: GRANDAD HAMBY'S COUSIN, R.E.A. HAMBY, 'BOB', THE POLITICIAN, CENTER WITH TWO OF HIS CONSTITUENTS, MR TURPIN, L; AND JEFF BECK. GRANDDAD TOLD ME ONCE, 'BE CAREFUL OF A MAN WHO WEARS BOTH A BELT AND SUSPENDERS. IF HE DOESN'T TRUST EITHER ONE THEM, YOU CAN'T TRUST HIM. BOB WAS PROBABLY THE MOST SUCESSFUL POLITICIAN IN RABUN COUNTY HISTORY. CHECK HIS ACCESORIES.

HE'S A PRIZE-WINNER—This bouncing boy is the prize-winning three-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Cox, of Ellijay, Georgia.

AND MEL CAME ALONG IN MAY OF 1926

← THIS IS FROM THE BROWN PAGES OF THE ATLANTA SUNDAY PAPER. "PRIZE WINNING" IS JUST AN EXPRESSION.

BELOW: JOHN & SUE TAKE TURNS HOLDING "THE BABY," COX HOME ON DALTON ST. BUS HAD INHERITED THE HOUSE WHEN BART DIED IN 1923.

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AND MA COX HAPPILY RETIRED AFTER RAISING SO MANY KIDS. THIS JUST AS I REMEMBER HER. LONG DRESS, ROCKING CHAIR. BUT WHERE IS HER SNUFF KIT? HARD TO DATE THESE; LATE 20s, EARLY 30s.

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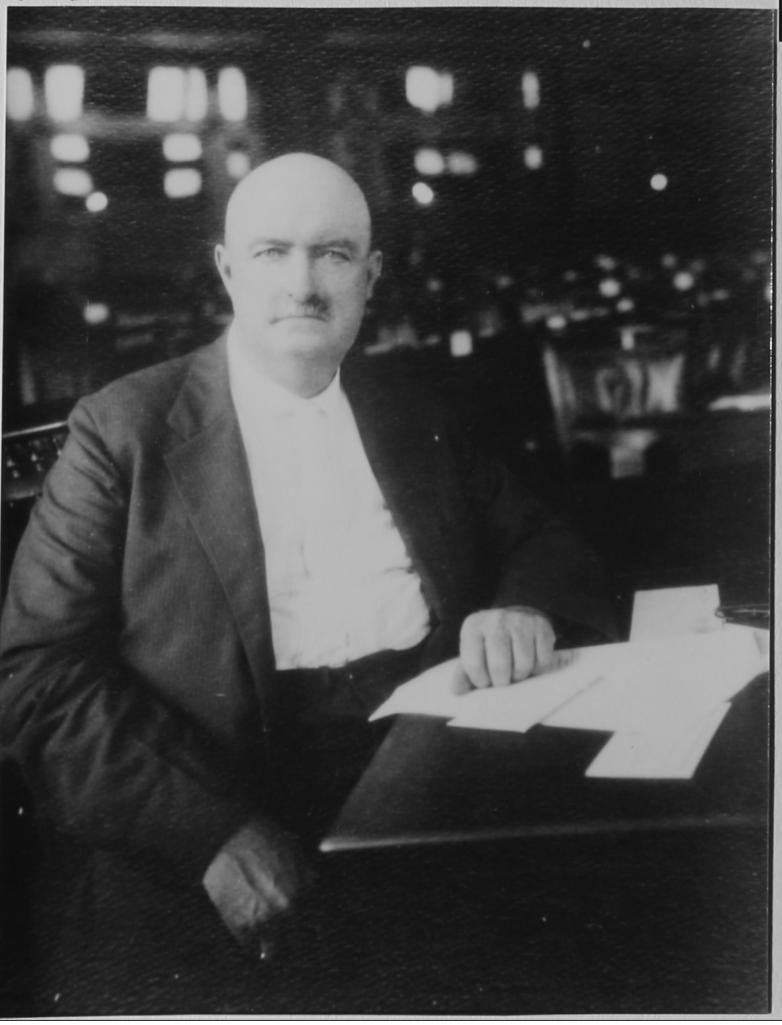

AND JOHN LAFAYETTE HAMBY REPRESENTED GILMER CO. IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE IN 1928. COUSIN BOB WAS THERE AT THE SAME TIME FOR RABUN CO.

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1927

UNCLE FRANK, CORA WITH MEL, JOHN, SUE, AND MAMAW, ON THE STEPS OF THE HAMBY HOME.

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ABOUT 1930, MEL WITH KITTENS AND - - - SUE IN SCHOOL.

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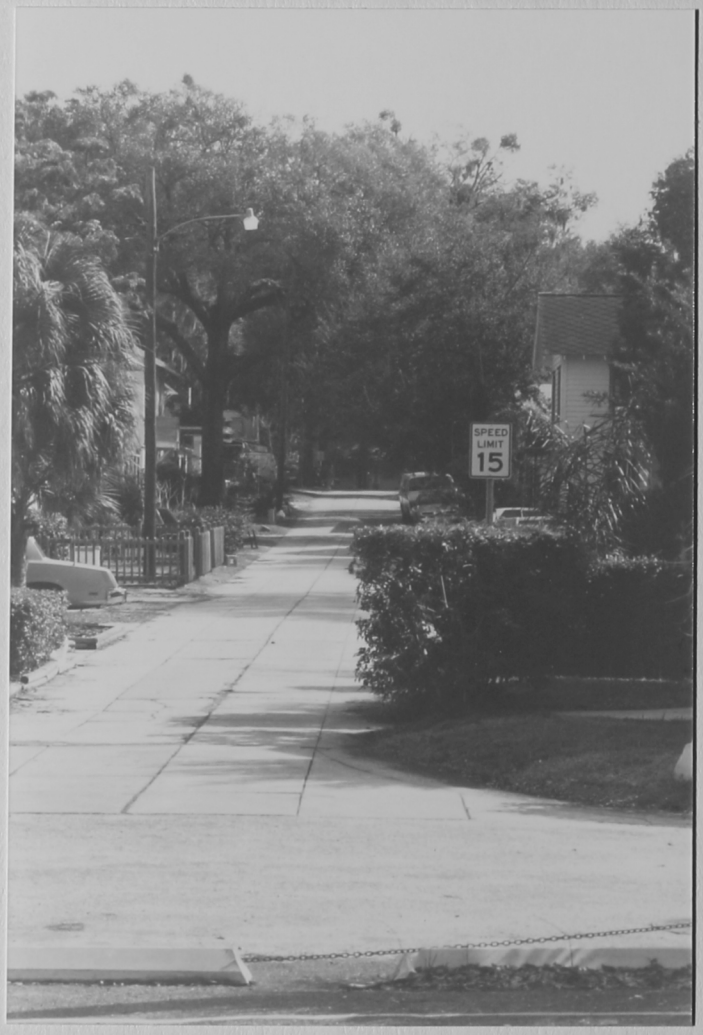

CORA LEFT ELLIJAY IN AUGUST 1931 & TOOK THE KIDS TO FLORIDA. WE STAYED A FEW WEEKS WITH UNCLE FRANK AND AUNT EDITH IN JACKSONVILLE.

THEN TO ORLANDO WHERE WE STAYED WITH 'AUNT' FEROL CHAPMAN & HER KIDS AT THE HOUSE ABOVE IN WINTER PARK.

BUT SOON TO HIBUSCUS COURT IN ORLANDO.

1994 VIEW LOOKING EAST TOWARD HIGHLAND AVE. MANY MORE TREES (AND HOUSES) THAN IN 1931. (AND CARS TOO!)

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HIBISCUS CT. LOOKING WEST TOWARD GENEVA PLACE. YOU COULDN'T SEE ALL THE WAY THRU TO MAGNOLIA AVE, AS YOU CAN IN THIS 1994 SHOT

← JUST BEYOND THE TREE (WHICH WASN'T THERE IN THE 30S) IS 205 WHERE WE LIVED.

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OUR APARTMENT WAS DOWN STAIRS ON THE RIGHT. CAN'T SEE THE BACK PORCH.

← THIS HOUSE WASN'T THERE IN 30'S.

I THINK THE RENT WAS 15^{00} A MONTH.

IN '94, NEIGHBORHOOD IS MORE 'RUN-DOWN' THAN I REMEMBER IT.

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TREES AND TELEPHONE POLES OBSCURE IT AND CONDO BEHIND CONFUSES, BUT THIS IS MARK STREET SCHOOL WHERE SUE & MEL ENROLLED. SUE IN 5TH, MEL IN 1ST, 31-32 SCHOOL YEAR

MEL'S 6TH GRADE CLASSROOM, 36-37.

F21

CORA H. COX, ORLANDO, 1933.

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SUE, JOHN, MEL ABOUT 1933
IN FRONT OF 205 HIBISCUS CT.

E11 CORA, SUE, JOHN, MEL.

I THINK THE OCCASION FOR THE TWO GROUPS WAS A VISIT BY COUSIN MONTEZ CRAWFORD WHO PROBABLY TOOK THE PHOTOS. WE HAD BEEN SWIMMING. I DON'T RECALL THE CAR AT ALL; WE DIDN'T HAVE ONE.

G22

THIS OF JOHN WAS IN THE NEWSPAPER AMONG OTHER PLAYER WHO WOULD NOT RETURN TO OHS THE NEXT YEAR. HE WAS IN THE OHS CLASS OF 38.

SHORTLY AFTERWARD, WHEN JOHN HAD GONE TO WORK FOR SEARS IN ATLANTA, CORA SUE AND MEL MOVED TO A GARAGE APARTMENT AT 19 N. SUMMERLIN

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THIS IS 17N. SUMMERLIN (THE GARAGE APT. WAS TORN DOWN SOME TIME BEFORE THIS '94 PHOTO.) WE MOVED INTO THE UPSTAIRS HERE IN 1939.

MEL LEFT MARKS ST. SCHOOL IN 1937, AND WENT TO JUNIOR HIGH AT MEMORIA JR HI WHICH WAS ON ROSILAND AVE ACROSS FROM LAKE EOLA.

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MEL HAD A TINY LITTLE PLASTIC CAMERA & TOOK THIS FROM THE ROOF OF MEMORIAL TOWARD THE LAKE. THE LITTLE MODEL A COUPE BELONGED TO MARGARET WAY, HIS 7TH GRADE HOME ROOM TEACHER. THIS IS ABOUT 1939-1940.

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JOHN JOINED THE MARINES IN 1939. AFTER BOOT CAMP HE WENT TO PUERTO RICO AND THEN THE VIRGIN ISLANDS,

RECALL THAT W WII STARTED IN 1939 IN EUROPE.

SOMETIME IN THE MID TO LATE 30S UNCLE FRANK AND AUNT EDITH VISITED THE HAMBYS IN ELLIJAY AT THEIR HOUSE ON DALTON ST,

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MEL VISITED "BACK HOME IN GEORGIA IN 1940. SHORT STAYS IN ATLANTA, ELLIJAY BUT MOST OF THE TIME WITH 'GRANDAD' ~~EE~~ AND 'MAMAW' HAMBY. THEY HAD MOVED OUT OF TOWN, 2 MI. S NORTH ON SR 5 AND ABOUT 300 YDS TO THE LEFT TO THIS HOUSE. LOWER SHOT SHOWS THE SIDE PORCH WHERE THIS PHOTO SHOWS 'MAMAW' GETTING WELL-WATER FOR THE KITCHEN. DELICIOUS, COLD WATER!

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I THINK FRANK HAD BEEN THERE SEVERAL MONTHS HELPING THEM GET SET UP IN THE NEW HOUSE & HELPING CLEAR THE 'BOTTOM' BEHIND THE HOUSE SO THAT GRANDAD COULD DO A LITTLE FARMING AND MAMAW COULD HAVE A GARDEN. WHEN STEVE & MEL VISITED THIS PLACE IN 1991, ALL THIS WAS OVERGROWN WITH FORREST. UNCLE FRANK ALWAYS ACTED THE CLOWN WHEN AUNT EDITH LEFT AFTER A VISIT.

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GRANDAD'S MULE CAME OUT TO SAY GOODBYE TO AUNT EDITH. MAMAW PROBABLY GOT ON THE BUS WITH HER TO DO A LITTLE SHOPPING OR VISITING IN ELLIJAY. THIS WAS JUST A 'FLAG-STOP' FOR THE KNOXVILLE/ ATLANTA BUS.

MEL ALSO VISITED HERE IN 1941.

WHEN MEL GOT BACK TO ORLANDO CORA & SUE HAD MOVED TO 613 E. RIDGEWOOD (BELOW, 1ST FLOOR APT AT RIGHT, REAR. '94 PHOTO) SUE WORKED AT THE PHONE CO., AND CORA AT THE 'TOWN AND COUNTRY SHOP' IN THE ANGEBILT HOTEL BUILDING ON ORANGE AVE. THEY WALKED TO & FROM WORK, AS DID MEL FROM HIGH SCHOOL.

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THIS MUST BE SPRING OF 1941 AT 613 E. RIDGEWOOD.

AFTER MEL HAD VISITED ELLIJAY THAT SUMMER, WE LIVED AT 408 E RIDGE WOOD. THAT HOUSE IS NO WONGER THERE (1994).

DEC. 7, 1941: MEL & SUE GOT THE NEWS ON THE RADIO AT 408 E. RIDGEWOOD. WE AGREED NOT TO TELL MOTHER WHEN SHE GOT HOME FROM A RIDE WITH BLANCHE CONSELMO AND SAID, "SHE MIGHT NOT HEAR ABOUT IT FOR A MONTH." WRONG! OF COURSE.

JOHN WAS STILL IN THE VIRGIN ISLANDS. (ST. THOMAS).

MEL FINISHED HIS JUNIOR YEAR AT OHS IN 1942. THIS IS PHOTO FOR THE ANNUAL. →

IN JUNE, MEL WAS IN ATLANTA WITH SCHOOL CHUM, CARYL BETHEL, TO TAKE A COURSE THAT AUNT WILLIE HAD WRITTEN ABOUT. WE WERE ACTUALLY IN AN ARMY RADAR TECH COURSE AND WERE IN "CIVIL SERVICE". THIS LASTED 14 MOS SO MEL DID NOT RETURN TO HIGH SCHOOL, BUT HE GOT 'CREDIT' FOR HIS ARMY COURSES AND "GRADUATED" OHS CLASS OF '43.

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This Certifies that

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PRE-RADAR TRAINING, 576 CLASS HOURS

beginning January 25, 1943 *and ending* April 19, 1943

as authorized by
The United States Office of Education

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Director

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WAR DEPARTMENT

Lexington Signal Depot

Lexington, Kentucky

TRAINING DIVISION

This Certifies that

MARCUS L. COX

has satisfactorily completed the prescribed Course of Study in the

ELECTRONICS SCHOOL
Qualifying As
REPAIRMAN SCR 268, SCR 515

and is therefore awarded this

Certificate

Given at Lexington, Kentucky this 14th day of AUGUST 1943

W. Gayle Stamey
MAJOR, SIGNAL CORPS
CHIEF, TRAINING DIVISION.

COLONEL, SIGNAL CORPS, U.S.A.
COMMANDING.

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WAR FINANCE

LEXINGTON SIGNAL DEPOT, KY., September 22, 1943 241, 829

2 Treasurer of the United States

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PAY $******1. DOLLARS AND 64 CT $******1.64

TO THE ORDER OF ****Marcus L. Cox, III.*****

Vo. No. 4589

OBJECT FOR WHICH DRAWN:

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UNITED STATES ARMY
U S A J E Watson U S A
1 U-S-A FINANCE OFFICER

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MEL LEFT THE SIGNAL CORPS ABOUT AUG 22, 1943, BUT ACCRUED LEAVE GAVE MEL CREDIT FOR A COUPLE OF HOURS IN SEPT. THIS CHECK WAS FOR THAT, BUT NEVER GOT CASHED. MEL JOINED CORA AT THE PHILLIPS APT.S ON ORANGE AVE

WHEN MEL GOT BACK TO ORLANDO SUE HAD BEEN MARRIED TO RICHARD T. GIBLIN III SINCE 1-30-43. →

THEY WERE IN ZEPHYR HILLS AT THE AAFB THERE.

MEL WENT TO MIAMI & TOOK THE EXAM FOR HIS RADIO STATION OPERATORS LICENSE AND WENT TO WORK OUT AT THE WLOF TRANSMITTER.

SUE CAME TO ORLANDO TO HAVE RICHARD T. GIBLIN IV ON 11-16-43.

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The United States of America

NUMBER
P-7-739

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

RADIO TELEPHONE OPERATOR LICENSE

S-E-C-O-N-D
(Class)

This certifies that MARCUS LAFAYETTE COX, III

is a licensed radio operator authorized to operate any licensed radio station of the class specified by the regulations of the Federal Communications Commission, governing the issuance of radio operators' licenses.

This license is granted under the authority of the Communications Act of 1934, and the terms and conditions thereof and of all legislative acts, executive orders, and treaties to which the United States is signatory, and all rules and regulations of the Federal Communications Commission, which are binding upon radio operators, are made a part hereof as though specifically set out in full herein.

Neither this license nor the rights granted hereunder shall be assigned or otherwise transferred to any other person.

This license was issued at Miami, Florida *on* October 22, 1943 *and will expire at three o'clock A. M., Eastern Standard Time, five years from the date of issuance.*

Special Endorsement:

Federal Communications Commission.

J. D. Elvis

Marcus L. Cox III
(Licensee)

Arthur S. Fish
(Issuing Officer)

(Secretary)

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O Form 1461

IN LATE 1943 JOHN STARTED FLIGHT TRAINING (CALLED 'FLIGHT PREP') IN LOUISIANNA.
(PLANE IS AN N3N) JOHN; 4TH FROM LEFT MIDDLE ROW.

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IN APRIL 1944, MEL WAS ACCEPTED FOR THE NAVY AVIATION CADET PROGRAM AND WAS SENT HOME TO AWAIT ORDERS TO ACTIVE DUTY.

DICK SHIPPED OUT TO EUROPE

CORA SUE & MEL MOVED TO A HOUSE ON CORNELL AVE IN WINTER PARK (ALONG WITH RICHARD IV, OF COURSE).

MEL GOT ORDERS TO THE NAVY V12 UNIT, MERCER UNIV MACON GA TO REPORT 1 JULY '44

IN EARLY JUNE MEL WENT TO DAYTONA FOR A WEEK OR SO & WAS THERE ON D-DAY, JUNE 6. DICK WAS IN THE FIRST FIGHTER SWEEP OVER THE BEACHES THAT MORNING.

G21

MEL AT MERCER WITH RAY FOX, OF SANFORD, AND JOE FINLEY OF ORLANDO.

WE GOT TO BE KNOWN AS "FOX, COX, & FINLEY, INC."

THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER FINALLY BROKE US UP; SAID WE WERE A BAD INFLUENCE ON EACH OTHER. JOE WASHED OUT & WENT TO BOOT CAMP.

G20

MEL SPENT 1 YEAR AT MERCER DURING WHICH:

- PRES ROOSEVELT DIED
- JOYCE POOLE'S FATHER DIED
- WAR ENDED IN EUROPE (VE DAY)

ON 1 JULY 1945 MEL BECAME A "NAVAL AVIATION CADET", AND STARTED WEARING OFFICER TYPE UNIFORMS

1ST AT GA. PREFLIGHT SCHOOL (ATHENS)
THEN AFTER VJ DAY TO:

H9

NAVY N2S, STEARMAN DESIGN, BUILT BY BOEING CALLED VARIOUSLY: "YELLOW PERIL" OR "KAYDET." ARMY CALLED THESE PT-

THEN ON 1 JAN 46 STARTED PRIMARY TRAINING CABANISS FIELD JUST OUTSIDE CORPUS CHRISTI, TEX.

MY ROOM MATE, CRAWFORD, AND I DID SOME "FORBIDDEN" FORMATION FLYING AND I TOOK THIS OF HIM.

H8

NAVY SNJ, ARMY AT-6. LOTS MORE STUFF THAN A STEARMAN: RETRACTABLE GEAR, FLAPS, CONSTANT SPEED PROP, FULL INSTRUMENTS, ELECTRIC STARTER, RADIOS, 30 CAL MACHINE GUN, ETC.

IN MAY 46 TO KINGSVILLE, TEX. FOR BASIC AND INSTRUMENTS.

DID AEROBATICS, FORMATION FLYING, NITE FLYING AND FLYING INSTRUMENTS "UNDER-THE-HOOD" IN THE BACK SEAT.

H2

AUGUST 1946, MEL WAS AT PENSACOLA FLYING PBY'S, WATER ONLY; NOT THE AMPHIBIANS WITH RETRACTABLE GEAR.

NOV. 46 BACK TO SNJ'S AT BARIN FIELD IN ALA, THEN TO SAUFLEY AT PENSACOLA TO LEARN CV(CARRIER) OPERATIONS.

JAN 47 TO CORRY FIELD TO MASTER CARRIER TAKEOFFS AND LANDINGS (ON A RUNWAY)

F12 13 FEB 47 SIX TAKEOFFS & LANDINGS (USS SAIPAN)

MELS FLIGHT FROM BARIN TO THE CARRIER

1. JACK FULLER
2. MAYFIELD
3. MEL
4. CARMEN
5. ROQUEMORE
6. PURDY TOOK THE PHOTO.

MEL GOT HIS WINGS & COMMISSION ON FEB 21, 1947

H 13

MEL HAD DATED JOYCE POOLE OF ORLANDO SINCE HIS DAYS AT WLOF IN 1943.

SO THEY GOT MARRIED, 2-25-47, IN HER MOTHER'S HOUSE AT 220 S. LAWSONA BLVD., IN ORLANDO.

MEL'S BEST-MAN WAS WILLIAM H. LORD (BILL) MEL'S HIGH SCHOOL CHUM.

JOYCE'S MAID-OF-HONOR WAS ALICE PEEL, HER CHUM OF MANY YEARS.

MEL, A LITTLE NERVOUS, SAID, "WITH THIS WING, I THEE WED"

THEY HAD A SHORT HONEYMOON IN DAYTONA BEACH BEFORE MEL REPORTED TO BANANA RIVER NAVAL AIR STATION ON 2-28-47

G 18

HOME OF JOYCE'S MOTHER, RUBY MAYO POOLE, FROM ABOUT 1944

220 S. LAWSONA BLVD., ORLANDO.

THE GARAGE APT TO THE REAR WAS 220½ S. LAWSONA.

AT BANANA RIVER MEL WAS IN OPERATIONAL TRAINING IN PBM TYPE AIRCRAFT, A TWIN ENGINED SEA PLANE. HAD TO LEARN CIVIL AIR REGULATIONS SINCE MILITARY AIRCRAFT REGULARLY FLEW THE CIVIL AIR ROUTES. THIS MADE GETTING THIS LICENSE EASY. (MEL HAD NEITHER AN AUTO NOR A DRIVER'S LINENSE)

Form ACA 348
(Rev. 1-1-45)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
CIVIL AERONAUTICS ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON

AIRMAN CERTIFICATE NO. 639173

This certifies that MARCUS LAFAYETTE COX has been found to be properly qualified to exercise the privileges of A PILOT

Address 220 SOUTH LAWSONA BOULEVARD, ORLANDO, FLORIDA

SEX	DATE OF BIRTH	WEIGHT	HEIGHT	HAIR	EYES
MALE	5-4-26	155	6'0"	BROWN	BROWN

THIS CERTIFICATE is of such duration as is provided in currently effective Civil Air Regulations.

Date of Issuance JULY 8, 1947
By direction of the Administrator

W. E. McLEAN
Civil Aeronautics Inspector

This certificate is not valid unless accompanied by a Medical Certificate evidencing compliance with the pertinent physical requirements, an appropriate Rating Record when required bearing the above number, and other evidence as required under the currently effective Civil Air Regulations. Any alteration of this certificate is punishable by a fine of not exceeding $1,000 or imprisonment not exceeding three years, or both.

(Over)

Signature of Holder Marcus L. Cox

MEL USED THIS LICENSE ONCE.

TO TAKE JOYCE FOR A RIDE IN A PIPER J 3 IN ORLANDO.

STRICTLY AGAINST REGS, WE DID SEVERAL LOOPS.

Form ACA 545
(Rev. 5-1-41)

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RATINGS WITH LIMITATIONS

COMMERCIAL PILOT - AIRPLANE SINGLE ENGINE LAND & MULTI-ENGINE SEA

By direction of the Administrator:

W. E. McLEAN
(Civil Aeronautics Inspector)

JULY 8, 1947
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(Over)

FROM BANANA RIVER IN JUNE MEL WENT TO AIRBOURNE ELECTRONICS TRAINING IN NORFOLK AND TO ANTI-SUBMARINE TRAWNG IN KEY WEST.

AND FINALLY, TO AN OPERATIONAL SQUADRON IN COCO SOLO, CANAL ZONE IN SEPT '47.

JOYCE JOWED HIM IN DEC. 47

SQUADRON VP-40, CANAL ZONE 9-47 TO 6-49

H10

PBM-5 MARTIN "MARINER".

- TWO R-2800 P&W 2100 HP ENGINES.
- THREE TWIN-FIFTY TURRETS, NOSE, TOP, TAIL.
- TWO WAIST-HATCH FLEX-FIFTIES.
- ABOUT 2000 LBS OF BOMB OR DEPTH CHARGES.
- ENDURANCE: ABOUT 18 HRS
- RANGE (WITH BOMB BAY FUEL TANKS) ABOUT 3000 MIS.
- MAX TAKE OFF WEIGHT: ABOUT 64000 LBS. (WITH JATO)
- MAX SPEED ABOUT 180 KTS
- CRUISE ABOUT 125 KTS.

H11

MEL'S REGULARLY ASSIGNED PLANE "FIVE BOAT" AT ANCHOR OFF GOAT ISLAND, SOUTH JAMAICA 5-19-48. UNDER THE CO PILOTS HATCH, "M L COX." "OZZIE", THE RADIOMAN, IN THE HATCH.

WHEN RATED AS "FIRST PILOT" MEL FLEW IN COMMAND MANY TIME IN 48-49.

FINALLY RATED AS PPC (PATROL PLANE COMMANDER) ON 1 JUNE 49 ~~BUT NEVER FLEW AFTER THAT.~~ CORRECTION: MY LOG SAYS: THREE ON 2 & 9 JUNE.

THIS AIRPLANE WAS "LOST" IN AN OPEN SEA LANDING (RESCUE MISSION) IN JAN 49. MEL WAS NOT ABOARD BUT LOST HIS GOOD FLIGHT JACKET!

CREW WAS OK →

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OFFICIAL VP-40 PHOTO:
MARCUS L. COX ENSIGN A1(L) USNR
H98000.
HAD VERY COMFORTABLE QUARTERS
ON BASE.
ALMOST ACROSS
THE STREET
FROM THE O-CLUB.

NAVAER-4120 C

UNITED STATES NAVY
AND MARINE CORPS

Station VP-40 No. 22-48

8-9-48 ISSUED 8-9-49 EXPIRES

This is to certify that

Name M.L. Cox

Rank Ens. Corps U.S.N.R.
has passed the test in *Instrument Flying*
prescribed for pilots for a

"STANDARD"
INSTRUMENT RATING

by the Chief of Naval Operations.
Clearance may be authorized subject to
the provisions outlined on the reverse
side of this card.

H.F. Perrenot
H.F. PERRENOT
CDR. U.S.N.
COMMANDING.

Signature M.L. Cox

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FRONT & BACK

ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACL 46-49
"CLEARANCE PROVISIONS"
(1) No take-off shall be made when the ceiling is less than 300 ft. or the visibility is less than 1 mile.
(2) Clearance shall not be given to land at a station where ceiling or visibility is less than the authorized minimums for that station but never less than 600 foot Ceiling and 1 mile visibility day or night. GCA Minimums 300' and 1 Mi.
QUALIFIED IN PBM TYPE AIRCRAFT

WHILE IN VP 40, MEL GOT
A "GRAND TOUR" OF THE
CARRIBEAN AND THE PACIFIC
COAST OF CENTRAL AMERICA.

- BAHAMAS
- PORTO RICO
- VIRGIN ISLANDS
- CUBA
- JAMAICA
- COSTA RICA
- VENEZUELA
- TRINIDAD
- NICARAGUA
- HISPANOLA
- AND AT LEAST TWO RIDES ABOAD SUBMARINES

OFTEN ASSIGNED TO AIR/SEA
RESCUE DUTY AT GTMO FOR
TWO WEEKS AT A TIME, THIS →
PERMITTED BUYING CHEAP
BOOZE AT CASE LOTS TO TAKE
TO PANAMA.

OFFICERS' MESS
NAVAL OPERATING BASE,
GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA

ENS. M. C. COX USN.

COURTESY CARD

For ~~the month of~~ 7/22 - 10/22 1948

Oswaldo Mujica
asst. Manager.

SEVERAL YEARS WITH ALMOST NO PHOTOS:

- JUNE '49: MEL REQUESTED AND GOT ORDERS TO INACTIVE DUTY.
- 14 JUNE, '49 JOYCE & MEL TO MOBILE/PENSACOLA VIA MILITARY AIR.
- 18 JUNE, 49 SEPARATED AT PENSACOLA, AND IN ORLANDO.
- SPENT THE SUMMER AT 220 S. LAWSONA BLVD WITH RUBY.
- ACCEPTED AT GA TECH IN AUGUST, '49.
- WE LIVED AT 71 13TH ST NE IN ATLANTA.
- WENT STRAIGHT THRU TO BEE IN DEC, '51.
- WENT TO WORK AT ELECTRONICS RESEARCH INC, EVANSVILLE, IND,
- STAYED THERE 1 YR, THEN TO RADIATION INC., MELBOURNE 2-53.
- WE MOVED INTO 33 NORMAN DR, IN MELBOURNE.

BUT A LOT HAD BEEN HAPPENING MEANWHILE.

- MEL'S UNCLE CHARLIE COX DIED 7-27-1944
- MEL'S GRANDMOTHER, MA COX DIED 10-11-44
- COUSIN BOB HAMBY OF CLAYTON DIED 12-20-45
- JOHN COX MARRIED ANIETA WIMBLE 7-8-46

JOHN, IN CIVVIES, THOUGH BY NOW CONFIRMED CAREER USMC.
E4 JOHN

ANIETA HAD BEEN HOSPITAL CORPSMAN, DENTAL, IN THE NAVY (WAVES)
I 18 ANIETA

ALSO MEANWHILE:
- SUE & DICK GIBLIN HAD THEIR SECOND, JOHN MARCUS, 5-11-47.
- MEL'S DAD 'BUS' COX DIED 10-27-47.
- MEL'S GRANDAD HAMBY DIED 2-7-48.
- MEL'S UNCLE "DOC" (CLARENCE) DIED 12-2-49.

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UNCLE 'DOC' WAS ASPHYXIATED AND HIS WIFE NEARLY SO WHEN ~~THERE~~ THEY MOVED INTO A NEW HOUSE AND THE FURNACE MALFUNCTIONED.

MILLEDGEVILLE, GA.

HE WAS A DOCTOR ON THE STAFF AT GA. STATE HOSPITAL.

AND
- SUE & DICK GIBLIN HAD THEIR THIRD, MICHAEL STEPHEN 7-25-51.
- MEL'S GRANDMOTHER HAMBY (MAMAW) DIED 1-30-53.

OFFICIAL U. S. MARINE CORPS PHOTOG
MARINE CORPS. SUPPLY CENTER
ALBANY, GA.

NEGATIVE No. S 902- 496

PHOTO By: _____

DATE TAKEN: SEP 29 1959

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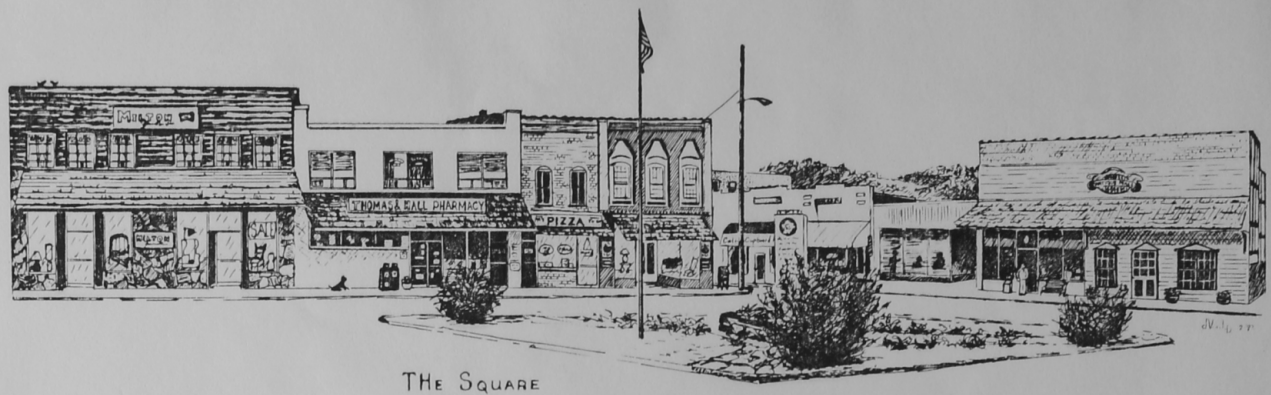
Hamby Home, Dalton Street, Ellijay, Georgia c. 1925

Mary Francis Cobb “Ma Cox” c. 1878



THE SQUARE
ELLIJAY, GA.

RIVER STR. SHOPS
ELLIJAY, GA.

STATE OF GEORGIA.

By his Excellency, JOSEPH E. BROWN, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy of this State, and of the Militia thereof:

To William Cox Greeting:

KNOW YE, reposing especial trust and confidence in your patriotism, valor, conduct, and fidelity, do, by these presents, constitute and appoint you Brevet Lieutenant of the "Gilmer Brown" of the Militia formed for the defence of the State, and for repelling every hostile invasion thereof. You are, therefore, carefully and diligently to discharge the duty of 2d Lieut. by doing and performing all manner of things thereunto belonging.

And we do strictly charge and require all officers and privates under your command, to be obedient to your orders as such. And you are to observe and follow such orders and directions, from time to time, as you shall receive from me, or a future Governor and Commander-in-Chief of this State for the time being, or any other of your superior Officers, in pursuance of the trust reposed in you. This Commission to continue in force during your usual residence within the county to which you belong, unless removed by sentence of a Court Martial, or by the Governor, on the address of two-thirds of each branch of the General Assembly.

GIVEN under my Hand and the Seal of the Executive Department at the Capitol in Milledgeville, this the Third day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the Independence of the State of Georgia the eighty-sixth.

BY THE GOVERNOR.

Henry C. Wayne

ADJUTANT GENERAL

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"UNITED STATES ARMY SIGNAL SERVICE AT LARGE" 6/42 TO 8/43

PRE-RADAR TRAINING CLASS AT N.C. STATE COLLEGE; RALEIGH, N.C.

1-25-1943 to 4-19-1943

2ND ROW FROM FRONT 3rd FROM RT: MEL COX

2ND " " CARYOLL BETHEA (FROM ORLANDO)

PHOTO BY
DENMARK
RALEIGH, N. C.

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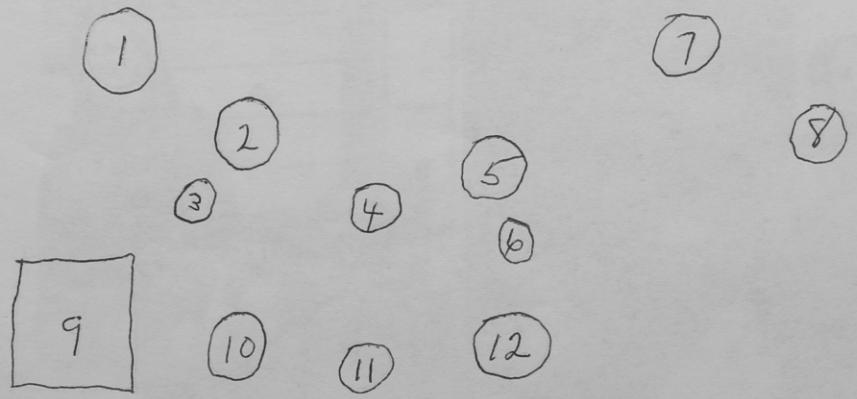
HALE RIDGE SCHOOL
C. 1910 SEE 'FOXFIRE
MAGAZINE' FALL 86

Picture taken in early 1897

Born after this picture was made, the final child, Edith, Jan. 14, 1898



(1) Laura Pearl, b. Sept. 17, 1882 - d. Sept. 12, 1969
(2) Marcus Lafayette Cox, b. June 3, 1857 - d. Mar. 22, 1915
(3) Manley Augustus, b. Nov. 3, 1894 - d. Aug. 6, 1978
(4) Marcus Lafayette, Jr., b. Feb. 3, 1892 - d. Oct. 27, 1947
(5) Mary Frances (Cobb) Cox, b. Feb. 1, 1860 - d. Oct. 11, 1944
(6) Cecil, b. Oct. 8, 1896, d. Oct. 3, 1899
(7) Lillie Kate, b. June 17, 1880, d. May 13, 1954
(8) Mary Wilmot, b. Sept. 1878, d. June 3, 1964
(9) Picture of William, b. Sept. 15, 1884 - d. Sept. 9, 1893
(10) Minnie Berta, b. Dec. 16, 1888
(11) Charles Columbus, b. July 8, 1890 - d. July 27, 1944
(12) Clarence Goolsby, b. Dec. 18, 1886 - d. Dec. 2, 1949

Mrs. John L. Rothery
1950 Palm City Road, Apt. 1301
Stuart, Florida 34994

April 6, 1994

Dear Mel,

What a nice surprise to receive your book. What a labor of love! I am very glad to have it and it will be passed on to my children of course.

One correction - my husband (Jack)'s middle name is LORING, although, as he says, he is also LOVING.

I don't know whether or not you have this picture, but I had an extra copy, so I'm sending it on. I remember my father's mentioning that big dog he had this arm around. He was so big the little ones could ride on him.

If you are ever in Stuart, please come to see us. We are here about 8 months of the year and in New England 4 months, when we live on our sailboat and also spend time with daughter Laurie. We leave here this year on May 7.

Again thanks so much for the book.

Sincerely,

Cathryn

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CORA H. COX WAS A "BRIDAL CONSULTANT" FOR "FURCHGOTT'S" IN JACKSONVILLE IN THE 1950-1960 TIME FRAME.

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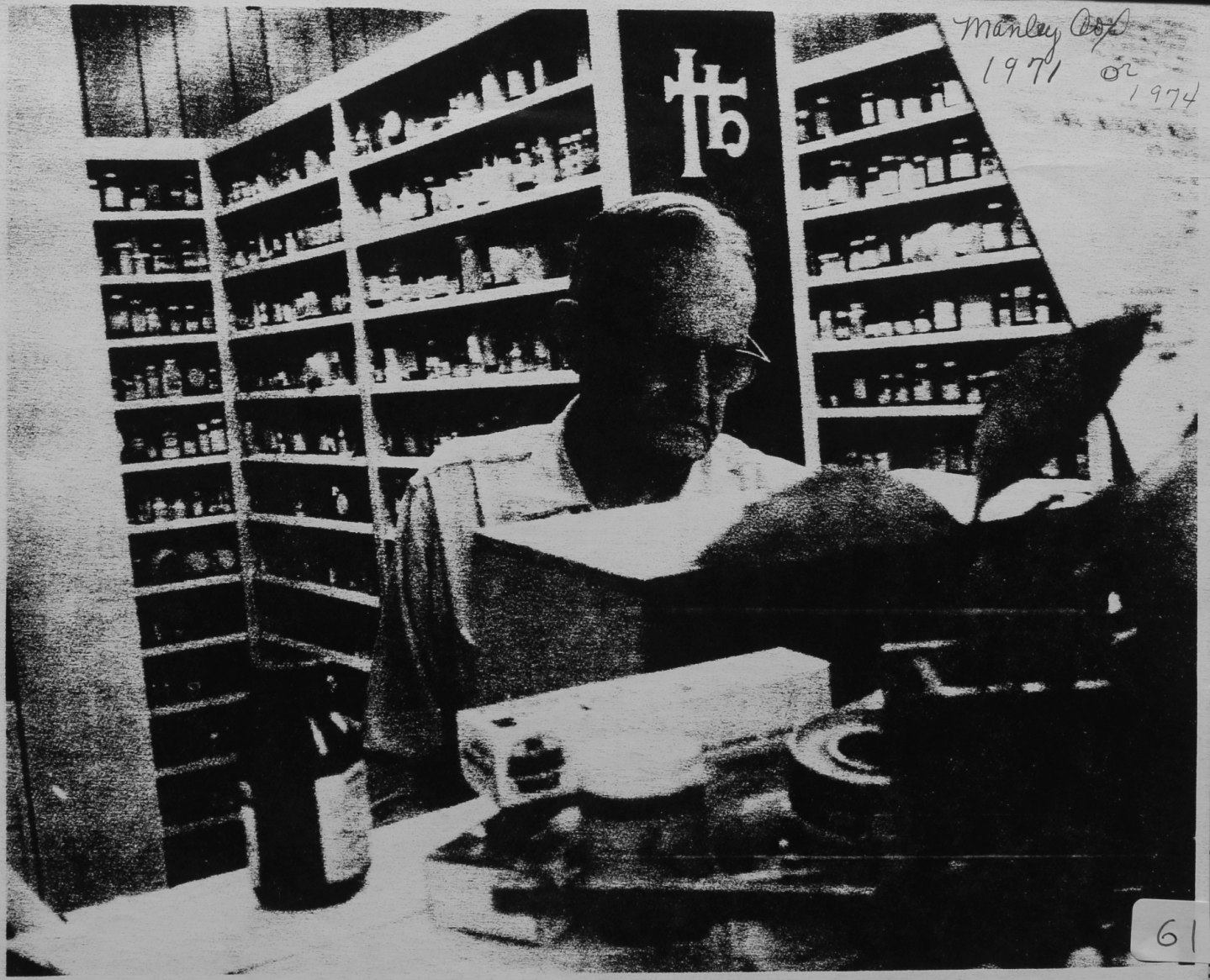
Manley
1971 or 1974
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Willie - Lillie - Pearl
Ellen Glenn - Texas

Old William Cox Home, Dalton St., Ellijay, Georgia, 1967 Photo

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Marcus L. “Mel” Cox III c. 1980

Edith and Frank Hamby

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